

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 222**

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TO:	The Honorable Glenn McConnell, Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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AUTHOR:	Senator Ford	PRIMARY CODE CITE:	16-15-367
SUBJECT:	Unlawful Communication of Profanity		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

Minimal (Some additional costs expected but can be absorbed)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 222 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 16-15-367 which makes it illegal to communicate profanity in a public forum or place of public accommodation. The legislation also makes the oral or written communication of profanity to a minor a felony offense with penalties of not more than five years in prison or a fine of not more than \$5,000 or both.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

Judicial Department

The Department indicates there will be a minimal fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding.

Office of the Attorney General

The Office indicates there will be a minimal fiscal impact on the General Fund of the State, which can be absorbed by the agency at the current level of funding

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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